O-Keesler

Dear Emory, 11/25/77

Reur note of 11/22 on that of AF 10/13/77: I do not recall the AF sending me anything of this nature, if anything at all except Pic files, but I may be wrong. I've not been able to keep up. I do have whatever I've not gone over at one of two places and if really necessary can check. You'll see that my most recent FOIA request predates yours.

Because the copy of the Oswald Form 20 at Keesler is unclear I'm enclosing a copy of CD 131 which indicates his total hours was 180,not the 100 that can be taken to be the figure on the Form 20.

If I read this correctly it says that when Oswald left his Keesler special training he was transferred to "Hq. Battalion, U.S.Marine Corps Washington 25, D.C." Were all those MACS units so attached? Not part of the Theater in which they worked? Etc.?

Do you recall what "I&I" represents? I can = Intelligence, no?

As I remember it Hoch had a considerable interest in Keesler some years ago. I also did but was not able to pursue other than via Archives and the got nowhere. If my recollection is correct, and it may not be, Hoch was told there are no records of Oswald at Keesler, meaning records being there. Yet this Form 20 is stamped "School Copy."I'll send Paul a copy. Suggest you and he may want to be in touch on this. I can't carry any farthur now.

If it was not Paul who had this Keesler interest he'll probably recall who it was.

I have no special knowledge of Keesler but I did know a young Army man who was sent there for what I was told was control tower training. He next was involved in our Dominican adventure and then all of a sudden he was a one-man shipment back to the Pentagon. I have not seen him since before he went to the DR and know the above from his mother. If other interpretations are possible that he went to DC all alone can be taken to mean to report. I'm sure it was not to work ~~f~~ in any control tower. Now this young man was a troubled but daring one. Emotional problems, violence-prone, etc. Not stable as one would expect to be required. And to the best of my knowledge he has not worked in a control tower as a civilian. He has not had any job as good of which I know. No recent knowledge.

Of course neither the Commission nor the FBI in any record of which we know nor the ONI from the ONI file, which Hoch and I have, went into Oswald at Keesler. Except for the officer in charge at Santa Ana I recall no witness who worked with him. Distinction: could testify to the nature of the work he did rather than merely being in the Marines with him. Some time ago I obtained confirmation of my late 1966 find, which was that rather than having no more than the Confidential clearance the Commission's records show, Oswald was Top Secret cleared, with Crypto in addition. (Confirmation includes Crypto merely by inference.) I have submitted a story idea on this confirmation rather than now waiting for more because finding the means to pay xeroxing and court costs is getting pretty heavy for me. I tell you so you'll know, not to use because I want to use. If I can't use this to finance getting more records I'll see if I can in a way that may pressure to disgorge more.

Now don't go drawing conclusions from what follows because they may or may not be warranted. While trying without much success to keep Garrison straight I did much work on Owwald and less on Ferrie in New Orleans. There is no doubt that Ferrie used to go to Keesler, at roughly the time Oswald was there, and Ferrie got in trouble while there. The records will not show it but he and Oswald were earlier in the same CAP unit- same time. Same restriction as in above graf, please. I've known this for years.

A little after you last wrote me about spectro/NAA I obtained some records of which my wife made copies for you. You have not mentioned getting them. If you did not they are lost in the mail or lost in some stack around here.

Carbon to FH. Best,